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FOR EUR/WE - RICHARD VINE

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TAGS: OVIP (DANKERT, P.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CHAIRMAN OF SECOND CHAMBER
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. PIETER DANKERT (LABOR PARTY), CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF SECOND CHAMBER OF DUTCH PARLIAMENT,
WILL BE VISITING US DURING FIRST HALF OF MARCH WITH
GROUP OF WEU ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

2. DANKERT HAS INFORMED DCM THAT HE PLANS TO SPEND
MARCH 4 IN WASHINGTON, RATHER THAN WITH HIS WEU
COLLEAGUES VISITING UN IN NEW YORK, AND HAS ASKED FONMIN
VAN DER STOEL TO HAVE DUTCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON ARRANGE
APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM TO DISCUSS: COUNTERFORCE STRATEGY;
FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND
PROBLEM OF COMAT - SUPPORT RATIO, WITH RELATED ISSUES
OF SMART WEAPONS, MININUKES, ETC. DANKERT HAS ASKED
DCM'S ASSISTANCE REGARDING APPOINTMENTS, MENTIONING HIS
PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MEETING WITH JOHN MORSE OF
OSD/ISA AND ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE AND INDICATING HE
WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM LATER IN WEEK, WHEN ENTIRE
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WEU GROUP WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, IF THEY ARE NOT

AVAILABLE ON MARCH 4.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER APPOINTMENTS DUTCH EMBASSY IS MAKING FOR DANKERT, ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH DASD/ISA BERGOLD (VICE MORSE), ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE, APPROPRIATE SENIOR EUR OFFICER AND PM DIRECTOR WEISS. SUGGEST NAVY UNDER SECRETARY MIDDENDORF BE ADVISED OF DANKERT'S VISIT.

4. EMBASSY ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH DANKERT (A LEADER GRANTEE IN 1971), WHO IS EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL AND WELL-INFORMED ON NATO AND POLITICO-MILITARY MATTERS IN GENERAL. IN VIEW OF OPPOSITION TO NATO AMONG SOME YOUNGER MEMBERS OF LABOR PARTY'S EXTREME LEFT WING, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT TO STRENGTHEN HAND OF RESPONSIBLE MODERATES LIKE DANKERT WHO ARE FUNDAMENTALLY WELL DISPOSED TO US. THEREFORE WE HOPE THAT HE CAN BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH INDIVIDUALS NAMED ABOVE. SUCH CONTACTS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON DANKERT IMPORTANCE OF DUTCH AND OTHER ALLIED AIR FORCES SELECTING AN AMERICAN REPLACEMENT FOR THEIR F-104S PREFERABLY THE SAME PLANE. WE ARE PROVIDING HIM WITH RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SEC. SCHLESINGER

ON US DEFENSE POLICY, DEFENSE BUDGET AND TARGETING STRATEGY.

5. DEPT MAY WISH TO REVIEW THE HAGUE'S A-140 OF JULY 18, 1973 AND A-157 OF JULY 27, 1973, WHICH PROVIDE SUMMARY OF DANKERT'S VIEWS ON DEFENSE ISSUES. GOULD

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